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It is certified that an error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

In claim 1 (at column 12, line 19), please delete the word "when" and replace with the word --if--, so that the phrase reads "if the average number of data nodes ...".

In claim 13 (at column 13, line 44), please delete the word "when" and replace with the word --if--, so that the phrase reads "if the average number of data nodes ...".

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